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SUBJECT: SARG REACTION TO CANCELLATION OF BREZHNEV VISIT

REF: DAMASCUS 0010

1. ALMOST WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE SARG LEARNED OF
CANCELLATION OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST
WITH STILL NO PUBLIC REACTION TO CANCELLATION BEYOND
PUBLICATION IN LOCAL PRESS OF JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MOSCOW
REPORTED DAMASCUS 0010.

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2. SARG-CONTROLLED PRESS JANUARY 3 HAS CARRIED A BRIEF

EXCERPT FROM REMARKS MADE PREVIOUS DAY BY PRESIDENT
SADAT IN CAIRO THAT HE UNDERSTANDS REASONS
BREZHNEV CANCELLED TRIP AND THAT WHEN THESE FACTORS NO
LONGER EXIST, BREZHNEV WILL COME AND "A NEW COMPLETE
PAGE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

3. COMMENT: AT THIS LATE DATE WE DO NOT EXPECT SARG
TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON CANCELLATION BREZHNEV TRIP.
PUBLICATION, HOWEVER, OF SADAT REMARKS INDICATES SARG WILL
STRESS LINE THAT HIS MERELY A PASSING EVENT WITH NO
INFERENCE THAT CRISIS EXISTS IN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.
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